



**EDUCATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
NOTES
June 7, 2007**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The June 7, 2007, meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council was held at Iowa Public Television and via various ICN sites. The following members were present at the meeting: Al Bode, ISEA; Jim Bodensteiner, Regents; Ken Clipperton, IAICU; Dean Cook, SAI; Greg Davis, IASB; Tim Dose, SAI; Mary Gannon, IASB; Bruce McKee for Ellen Kabat Lensch, IACCT; David Montgomery, DE/CIANS; Terry Rinehart, IPTV; Kay Runge, DE/Libraries; Diana Gonzalez for Chet Rzonca, Regents; Gail Sullivan, DE; Jean Torgeson, IACCT; and Mary Travillian, AEA Boards. Glenn Grove, AEA Boards; John Hartung, IAICU; and Kathryn O'Shaughnessy, ISEA, were absent.

The following guests were also present at the meeting: Mari Eitel, NICC @ Calmar; Kathy Goebel, RTC 5; Jan Robertson and Wendell Maakestad, RTC 10; Dennis Yoshimura, RTC 11; Linda Abel, RTC 15; Rebecca Hannum, RTC 16 and Deb Palmer, Region 16 Scheduler; Joe Cassis, Tami Fujinaka, Gail Geery, Julie Johnson, and Chantel Witt (intern from UNI), ICN; and Kathy Borlin, Gwen Nagel, Trista Peitzman, and Deb Fiscus, IPTV.

A change in membership has occurred beginning with this meeting. Paul Bowers resigned his position in January 2007 as one of the IAICU representatives on the council and Ken Clipperton, Buena Vista University was appointed to fill the vacancy.

II. UPDATES

A. Annual ETC Update to the ITTC on May 17, 2007

Jim Bodensteiner, ETC Chair, presented the annual ETC update to the ITTC on May 17, 2007.

B. ICN Legislative Update

Joe Cassis, ICN, provided an update to the ETC concerning legislative issues that impact the ICN. He distributed a handout to the members highlighting the following legislative bills:

HF 851—The Authorized Spending Limitation (CAP) Bill

SF 588—Education Appropriations Bill which includes ICN Weighted Funding Language and RTC appropriation which increased the RTC appropriation by \$124,000 to replace federal E-rate funding

HF 911—Infrastructure Appropriations Bill which includes equipment appropriation of \$2 million, contracting language, and Part III funding

HF 601—Standings and Salary Bill which includes term exemption language for Iowa Code Chapter 28D staff sharing agreements between the ICN and DAS. 28D staff sharing agreements are usually limited to a four-year term.

John Gillispie was reappointed as Executive Director of the ICN by the Commission in February and confirmed by the Senate.

Commissioner Michael Mahaffey was reappointed to the ITTC by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a six-year term.

C. ICN Update

Joe Cassis presented the ICN update via PowerPoint slides on the overhead related to K-12 Video Hours and OECD Broadband. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation (slides and narration) was sent to ETC members, RTC coordinators/chairs, and educational schedulers following the meeting. For more information contact Joe Cassis at Joseph.Cassis@iowa.gov.

III. ISSUES

A. Approval of 2008 ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines

The members approved the 2008 ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines with the following motion:

MOTION 1

Kay Runge made a motion to approve the 2008 ICN Educational Video Scheduling Deadlines as submitted by the ICN. Al Bode seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes—15; Nays—0; Not Voting—0; Absent—3.

B. Approval of RTC Funding Plan and Guidelines for FY 2008

Kathy Borlin of IPTV submitted a copy of the RTC Funding Plan and Guidelines for FY 2008 to the members for their approval. Members approved the document with the following motion:

MOTION 2

Mary Gannon made a motion to approve the RTC Funding Plan and Guidelines for FY 2008 as submitted. Dean Cook seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes—15; Nays—0; Not Voting—0; Absent—3.

C. Recruitment of ETC Members for Review of RTC Plans

Those ETC members who volunteered to review RTC plans were Al Bode representing K-12, Jean Torgeson representing community colleges, and Ken Clipperton representing independent colleges.

D. Recommendation to the ITTC for Educational Video Rates for FY 2009

Following a brief discussion, the members agreed to recommend that the ICN educational video rates remain at FY 2008 levels with the following motion:

MOTION 3

Gail Sullivan moved to maintain the ICN Educational Video Rates for FY 2009 at the FY 2008 levels. Terry Rinehart seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes—15; Nays—0; Not Voting—0; Absent—3.

A memo stating the recommendation of the ETC will be sent to the ITTC prior to their meeting in July.

E. Recommended Funding Request for RTC Support for FY 2009

Following a lengthy discussion, the members decided to recommend that RTC funding be increased by 10% to provide additional funds for marketing. However, if that wasn't feasible through IPTV's budget request they agreed to recommend an increase between 5-10% instead. The following motion was made:

MOTION 4

Mary Gannon made a motion to recommend that RTC funding be increased by 10% to provide additional funds for marketing but would allow IPTV to make the final decision if a lesser amount between 5% and 10% should be considered in the budget request. Dean Cook seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes—15; Nays—0; Not Voting—0; Absent—3.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Hand-off to New ETC Chair

The "gavel" was handed over to the new ETC chair, Kay Runge, for the June 2007 through June 2008 term.

B. New Chair to Select ETC Executive Committee

Kay Runge, chair of the ETC, selected the following members to fill 2 vacancies on the Executive Committee: **Ken Clipperton**, IAICU and **Terry Rinehart**, IPTV. The following members will continue on the Executive Committee as well: **Kay Runge**, Chair, DE/Libraries; **Jim Bodensteiner**, Past-Chair, Regents; **Dean Cook**, SAI; **Mary Travillian**, AEAs; **Ellen Kabat Lensch**, IACCT; **Mary Gannon**, IASB; and **Kathryn O'Shaughnessy**, ISEA.

C. Election of ETC Chair-Elect

Dean Cook, representing SAI, was nominated as Chair-Elect for the June 2008-2009 period and approved by the following motion:

Mary Gannon moved to accept the nomination of Dean Cook as ETC Chair-elect for 2008-2009. Al Bode seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ayes—15; Nays—0; Not Voting—0; Absent—3.

D. ETC/RTC Membership Updates

Following a brief discussion it was decided that IPTV would no longer provide hard copy updates of the ITTC/ETC/RTC membership booklet to ITTC and ETC members and RTC coordinators/chairs as has been done in the past. Changes to membership should continue to be sent to Debbie Fiscus at Debbie@iptv.org. The information will continue to be updated on the web site at http://www3.iptv.org/iowa_database/governing.cfm and other documentation concerning appointing agencies will be added as well.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The June 7, 2007, meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ETC will be December 20, 2007, at Iowa Public Television.